**HOMEWORK POLICY**

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The homework policy has been developed as an additional step in striving for a more challenging and rigorous education for the student. The policy will help enhance learning through the development of habits and attitudes that promote initiative, responsibility and self-discipline.

Homework is an integral part of a child's academic program. It is important for extending classroom discussion, reinforcing skills taught in the classroom and helping students prepare for class. Homework encourages communication between parents and children about their school work and is a link between families and teachers.

Homework affects the child's grades. The School Committee feels that students, teachers and parents all have responsibilities regarding homework. The School Handbook describes the responsibilities in detail.

**Homework for Absent Students**

Teachers will prepare homework from the daily assignments at the written request of the parents if students are absent for more than one day for illness or death in the family **(excused absence).** Homework will be available for parents to pick up at the end of the school day.

Teachers will prepare assignments, in advance, for students who will have an **unexcused absence** of four (4) days or more. Parents must notify the teacher no less than **ten (10) calendar days** of this upcoming unexcused absence so that the teacher will have ample time to prepare these materials. In cases of emergency, this 10-day notice by parents can be waived. These completed assignments will be returned to the teacher **no later than the second day** of the student’s return from the unexcused absence. Additional work to record the student's travel experiences may be used for extra credit according to teacher recommendations.

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